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STATE NORMAL SCHOOLS EXTEND CURRICULUM TO THREE YEARS

Present Junior Classes May Graduate in 1932 or Elect Three Year Course

The Alumni and other friends of the Normal School will be interested to learn that the recent Legislature extended the curriculum of the Maryland State Normal Schools for white students to three years. This means that students entering this coming fall will take the full three-year course.

Our faculty have been hard at work for several weeks upon the new curriculum and now have it in shape to be presented to the State Board of Education for their approval. Dr. Holloway said that the consensus of opinion among the faculty here is, that the present offerings of professionalized subject matter courses and practice teaching should remain essentially the same as heretofore and should be placed almost wholly in the two upper years; and that the additional offerings should be almost wholly content or subject matter courses comparable to the Freshman year in any other standard college. Such an arrangement of the curriculum would enrich the student's knowledge of necessary subject matter very greatly and thereby make it possible to enter upon practice teaching with more ease and assurance of success. This enrichment of the Normal School curriculum thru the addition of another year will result in added maturity of the graduate and in a surer acquisition of skills and appreciations essential to teaching success.

The present Junior class will be given the option of graduating, according to their entrance agreement, in 1932, or of continuing thru the full three year course. It is probable that an appreciable percentage of the class will elect to secure the added training right away. Graduates of the Normal School will be given an opportunity to add another year to their Normal School education. We hope, in another year or two, that the Salisbury Normal School may welcome back for another year of delightful study many of the former graduates of the school.

ELECT SENIOR OFFICERS

The elections at Salisbury Normal School caused about as much excitement as the presidential election of the United States. After much discussion and contemplation the organizations elected their main officers.

With Miss Blodwin Shipley as editor-in-chief of the Holly Leaf-Evergreen, and her efficient helpers: Assistant editor, Miss Audrey Simpkins; literary editor, Miss Virginia Horsey; business manager, Miss Ruth Voshell; art editor, Miss Nellie Wright; athletic editor, Miss Mary Corkran; and Alumni editor, Miss Ruth Nickerson, the school is looking forward to many more worthy publications.

The Senior class is well pleased to be represented on the Student Council by such proficient girls as Misses Ruth Fogle, Rachel Long, and Rose Ricupero. Miss Ricupero will serve as president of the Student Council for the next school year.

The Class of '32 welcomes Miss Ruth Nickerson as their Senior president.

Miss Ruth Voshell's friendly, confiding spirit had much to do with the girls electing her as president of the Home Association to succeed Miss Edith Towers.

Miss Dorothy Scott has been elected president of the Baglean Society while Miss Mable Spence has been made the new Carnean president. There will be plenty of spirit in both societies, we know.

A TRIBUTE TO S. N. S.

We are the proud of the good old Eastern Shore,
The land of our birth—we love it still more,
We are glad for the women and men who are true,
Who teach the young knowledge, and wisdom too.

We boast of our schools and very justly so,
We pay them our homage, wherever we go,
But the Eastern Shore Normal, we think is a test.
As one of the strongest, the truest, the best.

The head of this school—a born leader you'll find,
He's gifted with knowledge, and a clear-thinking mind,
He never shirks duty—no matter how hard.
For such great workers, there'll be great reward.

Another great worker—you'll find there each year;
She teaches young minds for a future career,
Like the good Ruth of old—in that far distant land,
She'll do her share bravely, whatever's at hand.

Our thoughts turn us backward to our school days of yore,
The well-beloved teachers—but they are no more,
And we sigh with regret as we journey each year,
What joy to our lives, had this school then been near.

May ever in firmness this school always stand,
Among the great things in this fair Eastern land,
And never to falter in doing the right,
And never to falter in doing the right,
Toward God and mankind with all her might.

ALICE M. POLLITT

We appreciate this contribution sent by a friend of S. N. S.—THE EDITOR.

DR. AMBROSE L SURHIE
on a Recent Visit to S. N. S.

DR. SURHIE ADDRESSES SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, May 13, Dr. Ambrose Surhie of New York University gave a very inspirational lecture to the students and faculty of S. N. S. at a special assembly called in his honor. He says that: "School is a place where young people of any age come together to educate themselves and to help educate each other by the help of good teachers." He stated that no vocation is more glorious than the ministry of teaching.

Dr. Surhie gave us the following characteristics of a good teachers' college. First, the spirit of industry; second, the show of initiative; third, friendliness, and fourth, spirit of co-operation. "It is not what we take from a school, but what we bring to it that really counts," said Dr. Surhie, quoting Colonel Parker, and these characteristics help build a school.

We all enjoyed this lecture and feel as though we received great benefits from it. We hope that we shall have the pleasure of meeting him again next year.

A TRIP TO EUROPE

Vacation time is travel time. Miss Ida Belle Wilson thinks so at least, for she is planning a trip to Europe for the latter part of the summer. Tide and providence permitting, she hopes to sail on the Cunard liner Berengaria at midnight on August 4th for a six weeks' tour in Europe. Her itinerary includes England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France; and she hopes to absorb a great lead of historical information and old world atmosphere.

MAY DAY FETE HELD

The annual May Day Festival was celebrated Tuesday afternoon, May 5, at 2:40 o'clock on the school campus. Miss Edith Towers, recently elected "Miss S. N. S." by the students of the State Normal School in a popularity contest, was crowned Queen of the May.

The festival opened with the procession consisting of the Queen, her attendants and the dancers. The Normal School orchestra furnished the music.

The elementary school children presented a stunt dance and a scarf dance. The members of the Junior class took part in a plastic dance and the May Pole dances.

The Queen of the May was crowned by Robin Hood represented by Mary Frances Crowe. The trumpets were then sounded, and the procession marched off the campus, thus bringing the May Festival of 1931 to a close.

PLAYS WELL PRESENTED

On Wednesday evening, April 15, 1931, a very large crowd enjoyed the two one-act plays which were successfully presented by the Bagleans and Carneans in their Dramatic Contest. The members of the cast and their coaches, the advisers, Mrs. Lucy Bennet for the Carneans and T. J. Caruthers.

The Bageans presented "Thursday Evening," a comedy by Christopher Morley. The cast was as follows:

Gordon Johns, Edith Towers
Laura, Mrs. Gordon Johns, Thelma Donoway
Mrs. Sheffield, Laura's mother, Gwendolyn Windsor
Mrs. Johns, Gordon's mother, Pauline Ellis

The setting was a small kitchen in the modest suburban home of Mr. and Mrs Gordon Johns. This couple have their first real quarrel when both mothers-in-law are there on a visit. Contrary to the usual story, the mothers-in-law prove to be very helpful, as through skillful management they re-unite the couple.

The Carnean Society presented "Torches," a romantic tragedy, by Kenneth Raisbeck. The cast consisted of:

Gismonda, Catherine Spry
Allesandro, Antoinette Harrison
Pietro, Mary Frances Crowe.
Madonna Giulia, Rose Ricupero
Page, Virginia Buffett

The scene for this play, an Italian terrace in the fifteenth century, was most effective. Gismonda, the wife of Allesandro, has fallen in love with Pietro, who has for 10 years been befriended by Allesandro. Gismonda betrays these two friends and as a result, Allesandro gives his wife poison and then stabs Pietro.

This contest marks another victory for either "Mickey," the Baglean mascot, or "Pep," the Carnean mascot. We all wonder which?

EDITOR'S NOTE

All members of the 1931-'32 Holly Leaf staff wish to express their appreciation and thanks to the faculty, the students and the Alumni, for their contributions and for their splendid co-operation in helping to publish this issue of the Holly Leaf.

THE EDITOR

SEVENTY-THREE GIRLS WILL BE GRADUATED IN 1931 CLASS

Felix Morley Will Deliver Commencement Day Address June Eighth

The sixth annual commencement exercises of the Maryland State Normal School will be held in the auditorium at 11:00 o'clock, June 8th. Mr. Felix Morley of Brookings Institute in Washington, D. C. will deliver the commencement address. Mr. Morley is a well known lecturer and journalist in the field of social and political science, and a brother of Christopher Morley, one of America's most beloved writers. The special guests for this occasion will include Governor Albert C. Ritchie; State Superintendent of Schools, Albert S. Cook, and the State Board of Education.

The sermon to the graduates will be given in the auditorium on Sunday, June 7th at 8:00 p. m. by the Reverend John W. Rustin, of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church South.

The class day exercises will be held Saturday, June 6th at 10:30 a. m.

The graduates come from 15 counties in Maryland, from Delaware and from Virginia. They are: Wicomico, Mary Ethel Byrd, Mildred Hester Dixon, Thelma Elouise Donaway, Ada Marie Holloway, Margaret Ellen Morris, Marion Lowe Owens, Anne Maurice Reese, Julia Alice Roberts, Lizzie Margaret Taylor, Julia Agnes Tingle, Wanda Wilson Vickers, Florence Edna Wimbrow, Helen Irene Wimbrow, Elizabeth Wright; Worcester county, Elsie Margaret Gibbs, Isabelle Pruitt Hancock, Elizabeth Burbage Jarvis, Sue Elizabeth Jones, Alberta Margaret Littleton, Maude Elizabeth Parsons, Bessie Marie Tull; Somerset county, Gladys Florence Adams, Esther Duvall Collins, Julia Wailes Covington, Amanda Louise Pusey, Virginia Elizabeth Whittington; Dorchester county, Thelma Elizabeth Blake, Maude Elmira Brannock, Gladys Virginia Brohawn, Mary Frances Crowe, Lena Mildred Hurley, Rose Irene Kelly, Edna Mae Lankford, Gladys May Lewis, Margaret Ida McAllister, Louise Dorothy Phillips, Marguerite N. Short, Olivia Thompson, Mollie Rebecca Wheat-

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COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES
June Fourth to Eighth

Thursday, June Fourth—
June Joyance, Normal and Elementary Departments.
Saturday, June Sixth, Alumni Day—
10:30 A. M. - - - - - - Senior Class Day
3:00 P. M. - - Alumni Reunion, Business Section
6:30 P. M.—Induction of Graduates into Alumni
8:00 P. M.—Senior-Alumni Reception and Dance
Sunday, June Seventh—
8:00 P. M. - Sermon to Graduates, Auditorium
Monday, June Eighth—
11:00 A. M. - - - Commencement, Auditorium

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APRIL-MAY, 1931

BE HAPPY, SENIORS

In just a few more weeks S. N. S. will be bidding godspeed to 73 young women as they embark upon the unknown sea of life. It hardly seems possible that we have been with the Seniors, our "big sisters," for a whole year. Seniors, have the two years which you have spent here seemed so short?

We hate to see you go, because it was you who first acquainted us with life at normal school, it was you who were so friendly to us during those first hardest weeks, and it is you who have been our real companions throughout the year. We haven't words to describe our true feelings when we realize that you are leaving us. Probably, some of you we may never see again.

But the time is swiftly drawing near when you all must go; some to the Western Shore, some to the Eastern Shore, others to Virginia and Delaware, and, who knows, but that some of you might go to the farthest corners of the earth. Some of you go bedecked with trophies won at your Alma Mater and others, with only that burning ambition which endures to the end. However, we all know that wherever we may meet, you will still be our friends and our "big sisters."

So Bon Voyage to you, Seniors, and may you all attain that goal for which you are striving!

ANN WOOD, Junior III

OPPORTUNITY

It is spring and soon several of our number will be graduated from the school. Not only will some leave the school, but about the same number will take their places as Seniors.

Let us forget for a moment our joy for the coming of spring, and of graduation time, and ask ourselves the question, "What has normal school offered us?" The question is immediately answered with, "An opportunity for success." With the present graduating class it means an opportunity to go out into the world and make successful teachers. To the Juniors it affords a challenge to get the best that normal school has to offer.

It is our duty, before it is too late, to awaken to the fact that we have such a chance. We should not linger or hesitate, because everyone has an opportunity in life, but this opportunity is not always at hand; we must make use of the first one that comes our way. If we wait, we regret the fact, and, in vain, wish that we could call back the days when this chance occurred.

Classmates, let us not make this mistake in life; instead, let us read the following poem, and profit by its message.

Opportunity
JOHN JAMES INGALLS

Master of human destinies am I,
Fame, love, and fortune on my footsteps wait,
Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate
Deserts and seas remote, and, passing by
Hovel and mart, and palace, soon or late
I knock unbidden, once at each gate!
If sleeping, wake—if feasting, rise before
I turn away. It is the hour of fate,
And they who follow me reach every state.
Mortals desire, and conquer every foe
Save death; but those who doubt and hesitate,
Condemned to failure, penury and woe,
See me in vain and uselessly implore—
I answer not, and I return no more.

MILDRED WEST

SCHOOL MOURNS DEATH OF MRS. CULVER

The death of Mrs. Margaret Culver, first secretary-registrar of the State Normal School at Salisbury, came as a grievous shock to her many friends here. Although she had not been well for several years, Mrs. Culver consistently maintained such a happy disposition that those knowing her intimately felt a deep surprise at her passing.

With the opening of the institution in 1925, Mrs. Culver took her place on the staff as one who was to be associated in diligent co-operation with Dr. Holloway in the furtherance of the first Normal School of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. For four years she continued in this position, quickly winning recognition as one whose interests and abilities were invaluable to the school.

It was with sincere grief that the faculty and students, in the spring of 1929, saw Mrs. Culver leave her desk because of illness. With an almost indomitable spirit, however, she returned to perform her duties, and was in her accustomed place on

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THE HOLLY LEAF MUST CONTINUE

The idea of discontinuing the Holly Leaf was thrust upon me rather suddenly. It came as a rather severe blow. The person who dealt it probably thought he was doing it for the best, but it is just a challenge. The thought in itself is a preposterous one. Salisbury Normal School without the Holly Leaf! Just try to picture it!

The Holly Leaf is a part of our "School on the Eastern Shore" just as other things both small and great are a part of it. How many S. N. S. students or Alumni would enjoy a lunch that was not served from the nice, clangy, bangy, aluminum trays? Would it seem strange not to reach around the corner to get napkins for breakfast and lunch from the little cubby holes? Would you stand by and watch some one haul away the trophy case containing our precious silver cups and medals? Shall we take the grand piano from the auditorium? Is there anyone who wouldn't lay murderous hands on the person who attempted to remove a certain portrait from the lobby walls? No! These things belong. So does the Holly Leaf.

If the present system of management hasn't come up to expectations don't give up the paper. Try another system. Would it be possible to have only three large issues instead of the customary eight? Maybe six publications of the paper, each one sponsored by a different section of the Junior and Senior classes would be a workable plan. It might be possible to relieve the congestion of work in the spring by having two separate staffs, one for the Holly Leaf and one for the Evergreens.

If it is more help that is needed, call on the Alumni. No, we can't write up local happenings but we won't hesitate a minute about other things. Just send the assignments.

However numerous and difficult the problems seem to be, won't you face them? Discontinuing the one and only student publication surely would leave an ugly, empty spot in the list of activities. Isn't the Holly Leaf going to be given a chance to grow, along with the other fine things of Salisbury Normal School? Why, yes, of course it is.

BEULAH K. DIXON '29

MRS. ALLEN TELLS OF INDIA

On April 21, Mrs. Beulah Allen, our critic teacher from Brick Kiln School, gave an interesting talk during the assembly period. Her subject was the customs of India. Mrs. Allen, having lived there four years, was able to give us more information of home life, food, clothing, travel and customs than can be obtained from most books.

In the coming fall Mrs. Allen is to go back to India to teach in one of the mission schools. We wish her success and happiness.

GRANGERS SEE GETTYSBURG

Every year, since the organization of the Student Grange at S. N. S., its members have visited some point of historical interest. This year the members of the Grange visited on Saturday, May 2, the scene of the most important battle field of the Civil War, Gettysburg.

Seventy-four Grangers, after an early breakfast, left Salisbury. The members of the Grange were accompanied by Dr. William J. Holloway and Miss Helen Jamart.

The busses traveled until about 2 o'clock, when they arrived at Gettysburg. Here, Dr. William J. Holloway procured the services of guides who directed us to the actual scenes of the battle of Gettysburg.

The wonderful history lesson we received from this tour would have certainly delighted the heart of Miss Ida Belle Wilson. As we proceeded through the various portions of the battle field, our guide pointed out the things of interest. He told us of the importance of this battle in the Civil War, the various military moves that were planned. He told us of the generals who had attempted to put in execution the plans, and showed us the many beautiful and impressive monuments and memorials that had been erected in memory of this battle. We were all interested in Spangler's Spring. It was here, that after the second day's battle, both the men of the Blue and the Grey went to get a refreshing drink of water, and even talked with one another. The observation tower, which was in the center of the battle field, next demanded our interest. From the top of the tower one could get a birds-eye-view of the whole battle field. We next visited the Soldiers' National Cemetery. Here it was in dedication of this cemetery that Lincoln made that memorable address, "Four score and seven years ago, etc." We next visited Little Round Top, near which the last part of the Battle of Gettysburg was fought. From here we visited "Devil's Den." This "den" was composed of rocks as large as rooms, piled one on top of the other. Here it was that the Union men were stationed and this was the advantageous position which enabled them to deliver that last hard blow which won the battle. After the sight-seeing on the battle field had been completed, we went to the town of Gettysburg. Here the souvenir shops and "Ten Cent Stores" received considerable trade. At 3:30 we left for Baltimore.

The party spent the night at the Rennert Hotel in Baltimore. From the glowing accounts heard in the busses on the return trip I will say, "A good time was had by all"!

Sunday morning was a pleasant surprise—the day was warm and sunshiny. When the busses left Baltimore, every one was gay. The return trip included Perry Point. We were all favorably impressed with the neatness and cleanliness of the place. This, as you all know, is government territory. Here, the government has established hospitals for the World War Veterans. At 6:30, we reached S. N. S. singing "Salisbury Normal, You Are the Best."

GRANGE PROGRAM

Quite a unique and interesting program was presented May 14, by the Student Grange of the Normal School.

POET'S CORNER

TO THE BEACONS OF S. N. S.

When you're starting on your journey,
And have set your ship asail,
On the waters rough and billowy,
In the storm and in the gale;
There are beacons in the ocean,
Near the rocks and reefs of sand,
So you'll turn your ship from danger
And come safely to the land.

Now we're half way through our voyage,
And our ocean is our school.
We have safely passed the danger,
We are reaching for our goal.
And the beacons still are shining,
They all lend a helping hand
Trying ever to push onward
Our barks to a better land.

We'd be like ships without a rudder,
On a sea so strange and new,
If we had no lights to guide us,
Nothing to look forward to.
In the end we'll have our ransom
And it all turns out to this:
We owe everything to Beacons,
Hail! Hail! to you, Big Sis!

You are always up and ready;
You have served your purpose well;
You have guided thus our voyage,
Like a ringing buoy bell.
We are standing on the deck
And we're ready to confess
That we could not do without them—
Beacon lights of S. N. S.

M. VIRGINIA HORSEY

JUNIORS ENTER FAIRY LAND

On Friday evening, April 17, one of the best dances of this scholastic year was held. Of course, it was no other than the Junior Dance.

The decorations were very beautiful. The color scheme carried out the class colors—blue and white. A large "J" of blue flowers on a background of blue and white lattice work was the center of attraction.

The gay throng floated gracefully to the strains of the beautiful music. The combination of colors took one back to the mysteries of Fairyland.

When the clock chimed twelve the spell was broken and Cinderellas hastily bid their escorts adieu so that they might scamper off to dreamland.

GARDEN BALL

The crowning event in the social calendar of the Seniors of S. N. S. is to be their "Garden Ball" on the evening of Friday, May 22. Even though there will be no stars shining above one will need only to look on all sides to feel assured that it is truly a garden. Besides being enclosed with white and lavendar flowers, there will be the playful fountain, the garden gate and—to make it seem even more real—a rustic bridge. With this lovely setting as a background the Seniors will "trip the light fantastic" to a program of their own request numbers played by Kelly's Orchestra.

The main feature of the program was a play, "Peggy of Primrose Farm." Peggy Mason, played by Alice Roberts and Pete Wright, Gladys Adams, are each left a farm

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ON AND OFF THE CAMPUS

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Clift, Maurice and John Clift, Jr., and Mrs. Charles West of Cambridge were recent visitors of Miss Faith Clift.

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The members of the faculty of S. N. S. have assisted Dr. William J. Holloway in visiting the high schools of the counties of Maryland. Mrs. Lena McLewee and Miss Lurah Collins visited Caroline county; Miss Ida Belle Wilson and Miss Virginia Harwood, Dorchester county; Misses Anne Mathews and Lillian Parker, Kent county, and Mr. T. J. Caruthers, Queen Anne's county.

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Recent visitors of Miss Margaret McAllister were Mr. and Mrs. James McAllister of Cambridge.

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The oral expression classes who had teas and banquets for their class work were very highly honored by the presence of Dr. Ambrose L. Suhrie and Dr. William J. Holloway.

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The Sho' Echo Glee Club had a very busy but enjoyable week recently. They sang for the Parent Teacher Association at Pittsville and afterwards were entertained by Misses Thelma Donoway and Mary G. Davis.

They also visited Trappe and sang for their P. T. A.

We feel very proud of our Glee Club and know that the whole Eastern Shore joins with us in our praises of them.

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Many pleasant week ends are spent at S. N. S., but a few of us visit our friends once in a while. Those visiting this past week were: Miss Hazel Rigler of Mt. Airy visited Miss Blodwin Shipley of Glen Burnie. Miss Mable Dickey of Baltimore reported a very pleasant week end spent with Miss Katherine Willoughby of Hurlock; Miss Anna Metta Pridham of Pasadena visited Miss Mary G. Davis of Pittsville. Miss Ruth Fogle of Union Bridge, Miss Lola Birch of Ocean City and Miss Eva Tabler of Mt. Airy visited Miss Dorothy Flowers of Hoopers Island.

Now folks, you can understand how it is easier for the students of S. N. S. to gain the true enjoyment of the geography of Maryland.

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A number of the members of our faculty plan to teach during the summer. Miss Lurah Collins will go to Kent. O. Mr. T. J. Caruthers, Miss Ida Belle Wilson and Miss Anne Matthews will again be members of the University of Maryland summer school faculty. Miss Edna Marshall is employed to do summer work in Johns Hopkins School of Education. Miss Marshall has been on leave of absence from S. N. S. this year to complete requirements for a Ph. D. degree in Columbia University. She plans to be with us next year.

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Miss I. Jewell Simpson, assistant superintendent of schools, was a guest for luncheon Tuesday, May 19. We regret that her visit could not have been longer.

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Miss Virginia Harwood and Mrs. Lucy Bennett attended the State Meeting of Home Economics teachers held at Easton.

GRANGE PROGRAM

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by a recently discovered will left by Peter's uncle. This will also bequeathed the sum of twenty thousand dollars which is to be divided equally or quite wholly to the one making his farm the most prosperous within a year. Sunny Jim, taken by Anna Metta Pridham, Peggy's right hand man, recovers his hat which was found in the prize corn field belonging to Peter Wright. One of Peter's handkerchiefs is found under Peggy's barn with a lot of shavings. Each is thoroughly disgusted with the other. To the relief of these perplexities comes Madge Brownell, played by Wanda Vickers, who finds out that all of this was done by Capt. Peter Wright, Olivia Thompson, who was Peter's uncle and the jealous party concerning the will. The money is divided evenly between Peter and Peggy. Capt. Peter gives up all claim and every one is "the best o' friends." The other members of the cast are:

Ezra Mason, Betsy Mason, Peggy's parents, Gladys Brohawn, Sara Robinson

Phineas Puley, country squire, Frances Insley

Mehitable Green, country gossip, Mildred Dixon

Nora M'Carty, Peter's housekeeper, Victoria Wheatley

Cloverblossom, Peggy's housekeeper, Sadie Callaway

Sambo Toadfrog, Peter's helper, Mable Spence

Living statuary groups were presented by the physical education department. Dancing and singing numbers were given by the Glee Club and physical education department. Every one enjoyed the program and showed appreciation of the work of the Grange in their first public appearance this year.

SEVENTY-THREE GIRLS WILL BE GRADUATED IN 1931 CLASS

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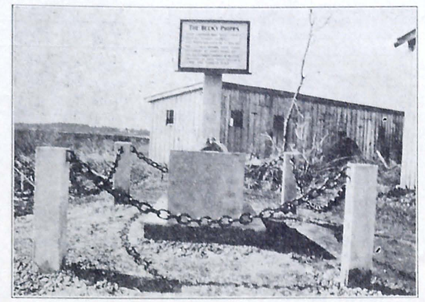
ley, Sadie Mable Willis; Caroline County, Mary Kathleen Covey, Evelyn Sullivan Johnson, Esther Virginia Johnson, Bernice Marie Lawless, Helen Louise Medford, Mary Pocahontas Somers, Alice Elizabeth Thomas, Edith Elma Towers, Mary Evelyn White; Cecil County, Etta Elizabeth Gamble, Sara Gertrude Hasson, Kathryn Bush Keesey, Florence Mae Pierce; Talbot County, Ottilie Lena Baker, Anna Virginia Buffett, Antoinette Virginia Harrison; Queen Anne's county, Mary Dorothy Clow, Sarah Virginia Meredith, Rebecca Mildred Wallace; Kent county, Pearl Toomey Everett, Arlene Gale; Anne Arundel county, Veturia Wayson Ireland, Gwendolyn Geraldine Windsor; Frederick county, Almona Amanda Keyser, Pauline Cornelia Van Pelt; Carroll county, Hazel Virginia Rigler, Eva Estelle Tabler; Harford county, Katherine Eleanor Gross; Sussex county, Del., Pauline Elizabeth Ellis, Catherine Lee Spry; Accomac county, Va., Mildred Mae Hickman.

ATTENDS HISTORY MEETING

Miss Ida Belle Wilson, instructor in History, visited Annapolis on May 8 and 9, where she attended the spring meeting of the Association of History Teachers of the Middle States and Maryland. Miss Wilson reports a most worth while and inspiring meeting.

Our Historic Eastern Shore



The "Becky Phipps" Cannon, Captured at Taylor's Island, Md. in 1814

BECKY PHIPPS

In the winter of 1814 a British tender commanded by Lieutenant Phipps, entered the Little Choptank river and proceeded up the same, landing at several farms and taking supplies. On the south side of Tobaccostick they set fire to a vessel and were attacked and driven off by the men of that village.

They then attempted to return to their base in the Patuxent river. When they reached the mouth of Little Choptank they found considerable drift ice and decided not to venture across the bay that night. They anchored in a hollow on Abbots bar, off the east side of James Island. In the morning they found themselves surrounded by ice.

The citizens of James Island, seeing their plight, notified Captain Joseph Steward who commanded a company of volunteers composed of men from Tobaccostick, Taylor's Island and James Island.

In those days small companies were formed in each community under a leader. Captain Steward and his men went out on the ice and began firing. The British, in order to test the marksmanship of the Americans, put a cap over the muzzle of a gun and held it up through the hatch way of the boat. It was riddled instantly by the gun fire of Captain Steward and his men. The British, seeing their good marksmanship and being confronted with a superior force, became frightened and a man ran out on deck with the intention to fire the cannon now in question. Before he could do so Captain Steward's men fired at him and hit him in the arm. He quickly disappeared within the hold of the boat and stuck up a white flag (a handkerchief on a bayonet) as a sign of surrender. When Captain Steward and his men went aboard to take charge of the tender Lieutenant Phipps asked, "Do you take us prisoners of war or truce"? A member of the company, William Geoghegan, with his characteristics of Irish brogue answered, "Prisoners of war, sir." The prisoners were Lieutenant Phipps, a crew of 17 men, and a colored cook, named Becky. The crew included the following: 1 midshipman, 13 seamen and 3 mariners.

The prisoners were taken to Tobaccostick and kept in a barn belonging to a Mr. Phillips. As prisoners of war at that time were marched under guard to Cambridge and from there to Easton. The old Negro woman, Becky, was a slave so she was sent back to St Mary's county where she had been stolen by the British crew.

The tender was dismantled and the spoils were taken to the wharf of Mr. Jeremiah Spicer, on James Island and sold at public auction. These spoils included the famous "Becky Phipps," a cannon weighing about eleven hundred pounds which had been jokingly named for the colored woman and the British commander. This cannon was sold to Mr. Jeremiah Spicer who also bought an old gun which is now hanging in Mr. James Spicer's hall at his home on Taylor's Island.

The cannon stayed for many years on the banks of Oyster Creek which was formerly called "Long Cove" and was fired only on special occasions. About the time of Cleveland's election, "Becky Phipps" was carried down to "Ferry Point" and used in the celebrations. It was fired at all elections and at Wilson's election in 1912 the old cannon was overloaded and burst. Part of it has never been found but over three-fourths of the original was recovered and is now at Taylor's Island.

In 1816 Congress recognized the bravery of Captain Steward and his volunteers and passed an act authorizing the Secretary of Treasury to pay unto Joseph Steward and his associates $1800. Owing to the fact that a number of the volunteers deserted their comrades at the shore but put in their names for a share in the reward, it became necessary for Congress to pass another act in 1817. This act authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to pay unto Joseph Steward and his associates $1800, naming each participant, and also released the vessel and property to the captors. It is said that each participant received $55.00.

The Daughters of American Revolution have become interested in reclaiming and preserving the old cannon, "Becky Phipps." They have had it mounted at Taylor's Island on a concrete platform surrounded by four concrete posts bearing the following inscription:

The Becky Phipps
This cannon was taken from a British tender in 1814.
Lieutenant Phipps and crew of 17 men and 1 colored woman were

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ALUMNI NEWS

This business of keeping up with the Alumni is a stupendous task, but none the less fascinating. It provides the reporter with a perfectly legitimate reason for telling the latest news or for being a wee bit "gossipy." At the same time it furnishes the only correct answer for the question, "Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot?"

For five years, groups of teachers have been graduated from Salisbury Normal School. Some have wandered far; others have stayed near. However far or near its members, each class was represented at the annual Homecoming in October, 1930. That seems to prove something, doesn't it? Even though each individual is going toward a different goal each one is returning at intervals to the same home plate.

Between these goings and comings, lots of things happen. By traveling over the state, making use of postal service, telephones, telegrams and elevators in department stores lots of these things are found out—and you know the duty of the reporter.

Recently we heard that—

Dorothy Nordwall '29 was in Baltimore selecting a trousseau—for the girl with whom she lives.

Anne Jones '27 was making First grade seatwork. Anne has moved from Millington and is now teaching in Hyattsville. She is quite fond of primary work.

Dolores Jones '29 and her Essex children were working on a Maryland project which will be exhibited at Timonium Fair next September.

Martha Jones '29 was blindfolded, eating jelly beans and feeding more jelly beans to Nina Twilley, her assistant at Bivalve. It seems that their P. T. A. demands entertainment. They also work, for the school has been wired this year. In addition to that, their children use individual Dixie Cups and paper towels.

Emma Jones '29 was driving Fordio over the hills of Baltimore county. Fordio is paid for, too. Emma can also teach Arithmetic. Her Second grade ranked highest among 41 schools in which a test was given. You should see the One Man Band that provides music for Sweet Air school dances.

Pauline Comegys '29 was attending the Point to Point Races at My Lady's Manor. Even though "Philosopher" was the general favorite there seemed to be a certain gentleman who was also holding first place.

Virginia Dryden '30 was fixing her hair with her left hand. Sparkle! Sparkle!

Agnes Clouser '29 was on her way back to Carroll county where she teaches.

Mary Ann Bradley was as delightful as could be at a banquet held by the Dorchester Chapter of S. N. S. Alumni. Score! for Dorchester. Their club is a well established working organization.

Lucille Pilchard '27 was sitting in a very cozy apartment in Pocomoke. She is no longer Miss Pilchard, but Mrs. Roy Mason.

Lida Maye Testerman '28 was shopping in Read's, corner Lexington and Liberty Sts., in Baltimore.

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HOLLY STICKERS

Ann and Mary Virginia were walking down the street when it began to rain and a drop of water fell on Ann's nose. Mary Virginia, trying to appear funny, said: "Ann, by all the fuss you're making you'd think that drop of rain hit China." Then Ann said, "No, as it happened, it hit **Greece.**"

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Rose was trying to explain her nervousness and said, "I can't understand what was the trouble. I spent two hours on that speech." Mary Ann (piping up from the corner): "Yes, you spent two hours on your belt, too, didn't you"?

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Mr. Caruthers spends much time in digging his lawn. We now understand why Mrs. Caruthers had greens last week.

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Carolyn: Thelma, are you going to morning watch?

Thelma: What are you going to watch for?

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Alberta (coming into the kitchenette): Ruth, my hair's wet, what can I do to get it dry before dinner?

Ruth: Put it over the radiator or some heat.

When Ruth came back Alberta had her head over a tub of steaming water trying to dry it by steam heat.

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Poor little Eva locks her books up in her drawer and when she arrives at class she has her mirror instead of her books.

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Mr. Caruthers (in Science class): Well, who is going to report on their experiment first?

(No response.)

Mr. Caruthers: Well, who wants to give theirs second?

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Mable Clark, coming home from practice teaching, took off her shoes and said, "Well, I guess I'll rest my brains."

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Salesman: If this sewing machine isn't satisfactory you can return it in ten days.

Mrs. MacChincher: But I can't get all my sewing done in ten days.

—Exchange

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Alma Eareckson (glancing out of her window about dusk saw some horse back riders): Gee whiz, come look at these good looking brunettes.

Upon further inspection it was found that they were truly brunettes, for they were Ethiopians.

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Mrs. Viola Young Marshall '28 was singing lullabies.

Helen Hering '29 was making plans to go in training at Johns Hopkins Hospital in September.

Eva Funk '29 was displaying some good handwriting papers which had been produced by her slow First grade pupils. Eva has also planned a huge vacation trip which will take her west and south.

Clara Jones Henderson '28 was watching the building of a new house on Walnut Street in Pocomoke. Housekeeping vs. school teaching.

Aline Adkins '30 was returning to the teacherage where she lives in Annapolis. Alice Mellott lives at the same place.

Beulah Dixon '29 was umpiring a game of speed ball on the play ground at Patapsco Neck School.

Marian Thompson and Dorothy Powell visited their dear old S. N. S. Saturday, May 9. Were they alone?

The Dorchester County Alumni Association had its second annual banquet at the Oakley Beach Hotel Friday night, May 15. "Hats off" to Dorchester Alumni.

And now, what have you been doing? Do you know some real news about others? Write and tell us. It is our business to keep the sheep (and lambs) within the fold, and even though ninety and nine are here, we're in search of the one.

BEULAH K. DIXON '29

BECKY PHIPPS

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taken prisoners at James' Point, by Captain Joseph Steward's Company of Militia, composed of men from Taylor's Island and Tobaccostick.

The following is a list of Captain Joseph Steward's Company of Militia: Moses Navey, John Bell, Moses Geoghegan, Mathia Travers, Henry K. Travers, Hicks North, Thomas Tally, Joseph Cator, John Willoby, James Hooper, Hugh Roberts, John Tally, Moses Simmons, Robert Travers, John Simmons, Edward Simmons, William Powers, William Geoghegan (of James' Island), William Geoghegan (of Maris), Jeremiah Spicer, Travers Spicer, Jeremiah Travers, William Dove, Thomas Woolen, Samuel Edmondson, Harvey Carder, Roger Tregoe, Thomas Arnold, Samuel Creighton, Jeremiah Creighton, Benjamin Keene, Thomas Le Compte, James Le Compte, Fountain Le Compte, Elijah Tall, Charles Woodland, William Barnes, William M. Robinson, Joseph Saunders, and Daniel Wilson.

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SARA ROBINSON

SCHOOL MOURNS DEATH OF MRS. CULVER

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the day of registration in September, 1929. Even after her retirement from actual duties she was always willing to render any service she could in the interest of the school.

The Normal School realizes that it has lost one of its most loyal pioneers. Although they could know her for only a brief period, the Senior class members are privileged to retain a memory of Mrs. Culver most symbolic of her life in this institution—a courageous worker, executing her chosen duties of enlisting and preparing new students to carry on the life and purpose of the Maryland State Normal School in Salisbury.

Audrey Simpkins: Rose, what are ancestors?

Rose: Well, Audrey, your father is one of your ancestors. Your grandfather is another.

Audrey: Then why do people brag about them?

THE LITTLE PANSY

Once there was a pansy. She had slept all winter. When she woke she peeped out and saw the songbirds, bright sun, green grass and pretty flowers. So she went back and put on her purple and yellow dress. Then she came out and danced around with the other little flowers.

BETTY McBRIETY, Grade 1.

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THE APPLE BLOSSOMS

One day the apple blossoms woke up and said, "I wonder if it is spring." They peeped out of their little shell and saw the sun shining beautifully. The sky was very blue. Still they wondered if spring had come. Then they saw the blue bird and knew that spring had come. They swayed back and forth happily on the trees.

RUTH ALLEN, Grade 2.

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OUR PUPPET SHOW

We decided to have a puppet show for our "Story Hour" about signs of spring. We could not find a story that we liked in the books so we made one.

We had the following scenes:

Scene I—The little girl walks in her garden and sees some pussy willows.

Scene II—She asks her mother if she may get some pussywillows.

Scene III—Rosalie gets the pussy willows. She hears a blue bird singing about spring.

Scene IV—Rosalie gives her mother the pussy willows and tells her about the blue bird's song.

The other children seemed to like our show so we are planning to have another one soon.

ELOISE MORRIS
BARBARA MUMFORD
Grade 2.

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MY PETS

I have two little chicks for pets. They are black and yellow. Every morning I give them fresh water. I feed them three times a day with fine corn. After they have their breakfast they are frisky and cute playing in their box.

"TEDDY" WHITE, Grade 1
(Real story told by "Ted.")

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CHESTNUTS IN ITALY

There are many orchards of chestnuts on the hillsides in Italy. In autumn, men cut the grass so the nuts can be found. Children are dismissed from school so they can help the family pick up nuts. The nuts are put into sacks and carried to little stone houses. On the second floor, they spread the chestnuts. There are cracks in the floor so that the heat and smoke from the fire on the floor below can dry the nuts. The men make the shells come off by beating the dry nuts with sticks. Some of the nuts are ground into meal. Bread is made of this meal. Often they boil the nuts. Many nuts are given to the donkeys, pigs and goats.

I wish I could be in Italy in October.

GLADYS ALLEN, Grade 2.

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VENICE

Venice, the beautiful city of wonders, was born of the sea. It grew up on the dust of the Alps, brought down by the rivers and cast into the sea, which formed many small islands. Huge piles were driven upon which magnificent palaces and churches were built. The oldest and most noted buildings are St. Mark's Cathedral, a dream in white stone with its gilded domes and its wonderful mosaics. The interior with golden carvings and colored scenes is more beautiful than anything else in Europe. From this structure is seen the Doge's Palace—a building where the rulers of Venice once lived. It took architects two centuries to complete this marvelous piece of work. Unlike other places, there are no horses in Venice only the four famous ones in bronze which stand over the central portals of San Marco. Facing the blue water front is the Ducal Palace, an ancient splendor of the bell tower or Campanile overshadows the many other palaces.

The streets of Venice are canals and the scores of islands are connected by arched bridges. These canals are dotted with gondolas, the only means of taking people from place to place. With all its beauty and splendor we do not wonder at its being called, "The Dream City by the Sea."

AUDREY STEWART, Grade 4.

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A BRAVE DEED

Who did a braver deed than Bryan Unteidt? He lives in Colorado. A blizzard came one day while all the children were at school. In spite of it, late that day they attempted to go home in the bus. Unfortunately it was stalled by snow drifts. The bus driver went to seek aid from a near-by farm house, but was lost. Bryan, who was one of the oldest of the children, tried to keep the other children from freezing. He made them play and exercise themselves, but they soon got tired. He slapped them to make them fight with him, he even burned their books to warm them, and took off some of his clothing to put around some of the smaller children. They had to stay there all night. But the next day Bryan's father came to their rescue. In spite of every effort to keep them warm, five of them went to sleep and are still sleeping beneath the earth. What boy could do a greater deed?

VIRGINIA ROSE VINCENT,
Grade 4

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FLORENCE

Florence may be called "an out-of door Museum." It is an ancient city lying in the valley of the Arno, amid hillsides thickly dotted with olive trees. In the heart of the city rises the amazing dome of the big 13th century cathedral of Our Lady of the Flowers, and by its side the exquisitely beautiful bell tower built by Giotto, and near by it is seen the Baptistery. In the many buildings and on the streets are statues made of flawless Carrara marble gotten from quarries near by. Wouldn't you like to visit the art city of the world, Florence?

SARAH JANE SHAKESPEARE,
Grade 4.

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A PROJECT ABOUT ITALY

The elementary school is keenly interested in Italy this month. The country, its people, industries, products, cities, art, architecture, music and history are being studied.

Related activities are being carried on. There is to be an exhibit of products, pictures, books, stories and news articles. In addition, there will be a program in which each room will participate. The primary grades will confine themselves to products, the intermediate grades, to cities; and the upper grades, to art and architecture.

The most interesting event is the visit of Signor Logoluso, Italian consul at Baltimore. He has been invited to speak to the elementary children the day he comes to address the Normal School students.

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INDIANS AND THE UNION PACIFIC

Building the Union Pacific railroad across the continent was not without hardships. The chief thing that held the people back was the Indians. They tried to stop the work by attacking the railroad camps and killing the men. They also tore up the rails. All these things delayed the workers. But in 1869 the last spike was driven! The railroaders had won in spite of the Indians.

STUART ALTLAND, Grade 5.

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A FIELD DAY THAT "FLOPPED"

Last Tuesday I came to school very excited. The first thing that I did was to run up to Miss Jamart's office to see if we were going to have Field Day. She said she would not know until 10 o'clock. That made us more excited. At 10 o'clock, Miss Jamart came and told us that it was postponed. Thursday night's Evening Times said it was postponed until June 3, 1931. I wish June 3 would hurry up.

BILLY SMITH, Grade 5.

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WONDERLAND

Once upon a time a little girl named Alice went to a queer "topsy turvy" land that was called "Wonderland." Many adventures were found here with the king and his beloved wife, the queen, who always wanted some one beheaded; with the Mad Hatter and the March Hare at the Mad Tea Party where no one was really mad; with the Duchess who was always quoting the morals of stories; and with the Mock Turtle who was always sad. What about? Come and see, May 29 at 8 o'clock. We are very sure that you will enjoy the play with its comical and serious parts.

RUTH LONG, Grade 6.